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**REMARKS**

Claims 1, 2, 4-14, and 16-26 are pending in the present application. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

**I. Allowed Claims and Allowable Subject Matter**

Claims 2, 4, 5, 14, 16 and 17 were allowed.

Claim 27 was objected to as being dependent upon a rejected based claim but as being allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 25 has been rewritten to include the limitations of claim 27.


Similarly, independent claims 1, 6, 13 and 18 have been rewritten to include the step of applying a policy to eliminate all but one of the hosts or addresses for hosts acquired by the DNS servers. The prior art of records fail to disclose such a feature.

**II. Conclusion**

It is respectfully urged that the subject application is patentable over the cited references and is now in condition for allowance.

The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at the below listed telephone number if, in the opinion of the Examiner, such a telephone conference would expedite or aid the prosecution and examination of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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